

## Lithuania Deadline Passes

MOSCOW, April 15 (AP) — The Kremlin's 48-hour ultimatum against Lithuania passed quietly today, with leaders in the Baltic republic essentially ignoring demands that they renounce their drive for independence. There was no immediate word from Moscow on whether it would carry out

its threat to cut off key supplies to the republic.

Speaking on television as the deadline set by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev expired, the Lithuanian Deputy Prime Minister, Romualdas Ozolas, said the breakaway republic's President and Prime Minister would meet on Monday to discuss Moscow's ultimatum.

Mr. Ozolas also said that the neighboring republic of Estonia would appoint an ambassador to Lithuania on Monday and that Lithuania would reciprocate. Such moves could well anger the Soviet leadership as it tries to force Lithuania to pursue independence under Moscow's terms.

On Friday, Mr. Gorbachev sent a letter to Lithuania's leaders demanding that they rescind "anti-constitutional"

acts, including laws canceling conscription in the Soviet Army, seizing Communist Party property and other moves toward secession. He threatened to cut off vital supplies if the republic refused to back down by today.

Mr. Gorbachev did not specify the materials, but they are known to include oil and natural gas, products that Lithuania buys from Moscow.

Mr. Ozolas acknowledged that Lithuania's factories would be able to function for only two weeks if Moscow imposed an economic blockade.

## Ban on Ukraine Church Falls

MOSCOW, April 15 (Reuters) — Priests from the Ukrainian Autocephalous Church were allowed to hold Easter services today for the first time since their church was banned by Stalin in 1930, the independent Rukh press service said. An all-night service attended by several thousand people was held in Kiev at Pokrovsky Cathedral, which was temporarily handed back to the church for the occasion.